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NOTE TO: DCI

Attached drafts in response to White House request for us to pull together a statement for Chairman Boland and Ken Robinson.

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WHITE HOUSE

The Honorable Edward P. Boland, Chairman
Permanent Select Committee on
Intelligence
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Ed:

The end of the 98th Congress also marks the end of your service as Member and Chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. This Committee, created in July of 1977, has benefited from your presence and your leadership from its inception, and you leave behind an organization which is a strong and necessary link between the Legislative and Executive Branches of our Government; and one which is based on bipartisan support for a superior U. S intelligence function.

Intelligence oversight in a democracy such as ours is neither an easy or a popular task. For six years you have led the Committee with wisdom, courage and a sense of duty that exemplifies the finest in leadership. In doing so you have performed a great service to the nation without public acknowledgment or praise. On behalf of the entire Intelligence Community and the nation, thank you for a difficult task well done.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

The Honorable J. Kenneth Robinson
Permanent Select Committee on
Intelligence
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Ken:

As this Congress draws to a close, your illustrious career as a Member of Congress and as a charter Member and ranking minority member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence is also coming to an end. Your fourteen years of service to the nation and to the State of Virginia are exemplified by the six years of service and leadership you have given to the development and growth of this Committee which plays a vital role in the management of the U.S. intelligence function.

Intelligence oversight is neither an easy or a popular task. It can only succeed when people are willing to put aside partisan political causes for the greater good of the country. Your example in this regard, along with your wisdom and dedication, sets a high standard for those who follow you. The nation may never fully appreciate all that your service on the HPSCI has meant to the security of the United States. Please be assured that the Intelligence Community and the President of the United States do appreciate your efforts. Thank you for a tough job well done. Best wishes for the future.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan